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Convoy for Freedom Update 43

Next Report: February 11, 2022 4:00 PM

MTO Status Updates

MTO MAG: Activated

Updates in Blue

Region	Events:	Notes - Operational Updates and Impacts
WEST RAG: Activated	Convoy/protest continues in Windsor today. All lanes are currently blocked on Huron Church Road WB (Highway 401 turns into Huron Church Road) and remains closed due to the protest. CBSA update indicates the border is temporarily closed. Alternatively, passenger vehicles can access the tunnel. Ambassador Bridge outbound traffic to US open to all non-commercial traffic. Limited access to the Ambassador Bridge via Wyandotte St. West as of 06:00 hour on Friday, February 11, 2022. Signs updated to encourage U.S. bound traffic to cross at Sarnia, Bluewater Bridge from Windsor to Hwy 402 in London. No inbound traffic from US at the Ambassador Bridge crossing Sarnia: Strathroy - Hwy 402 Westbound at Nauvoo Rd / formerly Highway 79 to Kerwood Road (convoy looping around.) Truck Convoy with approximately 25 vehicles including 10 tractors. Detour route in place at Highway 22. Hwy 402 Westbound on-ramp at Front Street.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested. OPP is aware MTO Transportation Enforcement Officers will be available upon request.

	All <u>westbound</u> lanes <u>remain</u> closed. Oxford County: Saturday, February 12, 2022 unconfirmed planned protest that may affect on and off ramps on Highway 401 at Highway 59 and Highway 19. Expected to start from 400 Simcoe St, Tillsonburg at 1:00PM to 53 Stover Street South, Norwich with approximately 500 vehicles.	
CENTRAL RAG: Activated	Convoy has moved through the region. No further activity reported. Niagara: - Protest planned for Saturday, February 12, 2022 to block Peace Bridge. - Meeting at the Costco Parking Lot, Stoney Creek ON (1326 South Service Road, Stoney Creek ON, L8E 5C5) at 0730 departing at 0800. A second convoy is meeting at the Husky Truck Stop Niagara on the Lake (615 York RD) at 0900 departing at 0930. - ON the New York side, the 1st group is meeting at 900 Young St, Tonawanda NY at 1100 hrs and a 2nd group at Pat Sole Park 888 Columbus PKWY Buffalo NY at 1200 hrs. - Both groups are going to lock the Peace Bridge from both sides of the border. There is no mention of the Queenston Lewiston Bridge.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. OPP is aware MTO Transportation Enforcement Officers will be available upon request.
EAST RAG: <u>Activated</u>	Convoys continue in the City of Ottawa.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. Contacted by OPP and a traffic control crew is standby should OPP request assistance.
NORTHEAST RAG: <u>Activated</u>	Convoys have moved through the region. Unconfirmed information that potential of a Sault Ste. Marie international border bridge blockade planned for this weekend. The crossing in Sault is not MTO property,	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP.

	and the roads leading to it are connecting links, so municipal jurisdiction, not MTO	
NORTHWEST RAG: Activated	Unconfirmed information: Thunder Bay - 11AM Saturday, February 12, starting at Intercity, slow roll down Highway 61 to the Tourist Info Centre at Pigeon River Border Unconfirmed Information: Fort Frances – 10AM-2PM Friday, February 11, planned protest at Central Ave Chatter on social media about the potential for a convoy to the Nipigon River Bridge. Nothing confirmed. Manitoba RCMP Confirmed Emmerson border crossing in Manitoba has been completely blocked, this could cause a block along Highway 17 at the Ontario/Manitoba border.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP.

OPS Building & Operations Issues

- The Toronto Police Service has closed Queen's Park Circle from College Street to Bloor Street. This action is in response to unverified information regarding a possible vehicle demonstration in the downtown core. In response to this potential demonstration, Toronto Police Service has increased its presence in the area of the Precinct.
- 151 Bloor St., Toronto
 - Advised that another truck blockade may be coming to Bloor Street.
 - Access to the building by vehicle may be difficult.
 - Additional security to attend to the building.

Services Disruptions

- Active construction projects are being monitored for any impacts due to the protests.
- EMS/Hospitals to plan accordingly for this weekend, as inter-facility transfers will take additional time to complete. Non-critical transfers may be delayed until the demonstration is clear of all hospital areas.

- Ford and Toyota on Wednesday both said they were halting some production as anti-coronavirus mandate protesters blocked U.S-Canada border crossings that have prompted warnings from Washington and Ottawa of economic damage.

Municipal Issues

- Windsor
 - [Convoy/protest continues today.](#)
- Ottawa (Parliament Hill)
 - [Convoy/protest continues today.](#)
- Oxford County
 - Planned protest for Saturday 12th that may affect on and off ramps on Hwy 401 at Hwy 59 and Hwy 19 starting from 400 Simcoe St. Tillsonburg at 1:00pm.
 - OPP estimates there will be 500 vehicles taking part in the convoy, beginning in Tillsonburg around noon. The expected route will take them through downtown Tillsonburg, north up Highway 19 to Ingersoll, East on Beachville Road/Main Street to Woodstock, and South on Highway 59 to Norwich.
 - We are expecting significant disruptions to vehicle traffic not only on these primary routes but secondary routes as well.
 - OPP have been in contact with Woodstock Police and all area municipal Fire Departments.
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 - Freedom Convoy Toronto: Round Two. Meeting at Queen's Park by 1200 hrs Feb 12th 2022, with the staging areas located at;
 - Vaughn Mills
 - Yorkdale
 - Sherway Gardens
 - Square One
 - The convoy groups will depart at 1100 hrs.
 - Their posts on social media suggests that, in addition to heading into the downtown Toronto Core, they may also be deploying some of their convoy to the 401 corridors through Toronto, to block it.
 - They plan to encamp downtown Toronto and not leave until all mandates are rescinded.

International Border Issues

- Canada Border Services
 - Due to current border disruptions at certain locations on the Canada-US border, the CBSA will facilitate the movement of commercial goods at other commercial ports of entry without the need to update the “Port of Report” or “Port of Destination” or sub-location codes on already accepted electronic Conveyance, Cargo, or Release documents. Examples:
 - **Highway Carriers** – If a Highway Conveyance and Cargo document(s) are already accepted for Windsor, Ontario (Port code 0453) and the crossing will now occur at Sarnia- Blue Water Bridge, Ontario (Port code 0440), there is not a need to update Port location in this instance and leave as Port Code 0453 as originally declared.
 - **Brokers** – If a release document is accepted for related cargo to be released at Windsor, Ontario (Port code 0453) and the crossing will now occur at Sarnia – Blue Water Bridge, Ontario (Port code 0440), there is not a need to update Port location in this instance and leave as Port Code 0453.
- Windsor
 - No US or Canada bound traffic movement at Ambassador Bridge.
 - Passenger vehicles can still access the tunnel at Windsor/Detroit.
- Niagara
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- Sault Ste. Marie
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